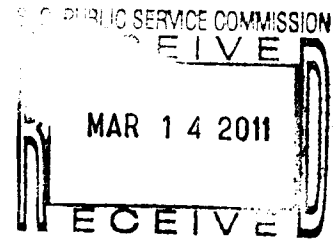


**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**



In the Matter of)
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Section 63.71 Application of)
)
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a)
AT&T Southeast)
)
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)

File No.

ND-2011-8-C

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
D/B/A AT&T SOUTHEAST**

AT&T Inc. on behalf of its affiliate, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Southeast ("AT&T") applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended ("the Act"), 47 U.S.C. §214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, to discontinue Automatic Protection Switching /Automatic Loop Transfer service ("APS/ALT") throughout its service territory in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T is providing the following information:

Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
One SBC Plaza
Dallas, Texas 75202

Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

AT&T plans to discontinue this service on or after May 31, 2011, subject to Commission approval.

Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):

The APS/ALT service will be discontinued in all service territories served by AT&T in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):

APS/ALT service provides protection against failure of the facilities between a customer designated premise and the wire center serving that premise. Protection is furnished through the use of a switching arrangement that automatically switches to a spare channel when the working channel fails. AT&T offers this service pursuant to the terms of the BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. FCC Tariff No. 1, Section 7.2.9 E(1).

The manufacturer of the necessary provisioning equipment has discontinued production of the facilities utilized to provide this service. The public convenience and necessity is not impaired by this service discontinuance since AT&T and other carriers offer SONET-based services which offer protection switching for special access services. These services may be purchased as an alternative.

Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. §63.71(b)(3)):

AT&T currently has one customer that subscribes to this service. AT&T notified this customer of its intention to discontinue this service by letter sent via U.S. Mail on March 10, 2011. A copy of the customer notification is attached hereto as Attachment A.

In addition, copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission and governor of each state in which discontinuance is proposed and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

AT&T is considered a dominant provider with respect to the service to be discontinued. Questions about this application may be addressed to Toni Acton, AT&T Services, Inc., Director - Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 457-3039.

Conclusion:

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service since there are replacement services available by AT&T and other carriers in the marketplace. AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the provision of APS/ALT service.

Respectfully submitted,

AT&T Inc.

By: /s/Terri L. Hoskins

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Its Attorneys

March 10, 2011

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do certify that I have, on this 10th day of March 2011, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following:

/s/Lacretia Hill
Lacretia Hill

Alabama Public Service Commission
100 N. Union Street
Suite 850
Montgomery, AL 36104

Governor Robert Bentley
State Capitol
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130

Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Governor Rick Scott
Office of the Governor
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30334

Office of the Governor
Georgia State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40602

Governor Steve Beshear
700 Capital Avenue
Suite 100
Frankfort, KY 40601

Louisiana Public Service Commission
Galvez Building, 12th Floor
602 North Fifth Street
P.O. Box 91154
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Asst. for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 94004
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004

Mississippi Public Utilities Commission
Woolfolk Building
501 North West Street
Jackson, MS 39201-1174

Governor Haley Barbour
P.O. Box 139
Jackson, MS 39205

North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 North Salisbury Street
Dobbs Building
Raleigh, NC 27603-5918

Governor Beverly Perdue
Office of the Governor
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Public Service Commission of South
Carolina,
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Governor Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 12267
Columbia, SC 29211

Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Governor Bill Haslam
Governor's Office
Tennessee State Capitol
Nashville, TN 37243-0001

ATTACHMENT A



March 10, 2011

Verizon Communications
ATTN: Dept. 2298/087
2520 Northwinds Parkway
Alpharetta, GA 30004

**Important Notice Regarding Discontinuance of
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
High Capacity Automatic Loop Transfer / Automatic Protection Switching
Effective 10/31/2011**

Thank you for using AT&T for your communication service needs. We want to be sure you are kept aware of upcoming changes to your BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. High Capacity Automatic Loop Transfer/Automatic Protection Switching (ALT/APS) service.

Our records indicate active ALT/APS service for the following circuit ID: 101 T1 MIAMFLWFWA1
MIAMFLGRK01

The equipment that AT&T uses to provide ALT/APS has been discontinued by the manufacturer. AT&T has determined that, due to the unavailability of that equipment, AT&T will no longer be able to provide ALT/APS service. As a result, **AT&T is notifying you that ALT/APS will be withdrawn on October 31, 2011. This notice will provide time for you to review the alternative services that are available to you.**

Effective on or after May 31, 2011, pending regulatory approval, ALT/APS will no longer be available to new customers in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee under FCC#1 Tariff, and existing customers will not be permitted to purchase new service.

As a current AT&T customer with ALT/APS, you may retain your existing service until the service is withdrawn, subject to the following service restrictions:

- **Effective May 31, 2011, Moves, Additions, and Change orders for ALT/APS will no longer be accepted.** Beginning May 15, 2011, new requests for physical changes to ALT/APS including installation of new service, or moves to different service addresses, will not be provisioned.

ALT/APS will be provided to existing customers on a month-to-month basis until the service is discontinued. During any month-to-month service period, AT&T may change the rates, terms and conditions of the service upon at least 30 days notice.

Although AT&T plans to discontinue ALT/APS on October 31, 2011, **AT&T offers as a replacement DS1 Diverse service local and interoffice channel.**

DS1 Diverse service local and interoffice channel provides a structurally diverse, fiber-based architecture designed to limit single points of failure. DS1 Diverse service local and interoffice channels are available if existing local and interoffice channel facilities are fiber-based and utilize structurally diverse routes.

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Please contact your Account Manager or other members of your Sales Team if you have any questions. AT&T regrets any inconvenience the discontinuance of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. High Capacity Automatic Loop Transfer/Automatic Protection Switching may cause and hopes to make your transition to a new service arrangement as smooth as possible.

Thank you for using AT&T.

Sincerely,

Scot Nyman
Product Management
AT&T Operations, Inc.
2000 W. ATT Center Dr – 4F53E
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192

AT&T is required by the FCC to provide the following statement:

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Southeast. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.